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LOTTERY PETITIONS DELIVERED TO SECRETARY OF STATE

Bismarck, ND – At 10:00 p.m. this evening, the sponsoring committee proposing the constitutional initiative relating to the state being authorized to join a multi-state lottery, delivered petitions to the Secretary of State's office for review and certification.

Andrew Maragos, representing the sponsoring committee, delivered 554 petitions to the Secretary of State's office representing approximately 27,041 signatures. The sponsoring committee has been circulating petitions since it was approved for circulation on July 18, 2002.

In order to place the constitutional initiated measure on the November general election ballot, the petitions must contain at least 25,688 signatures of qualified North Dakota voters.

Staff members of the Secretary of State's Elections Division have thirty-five days, or until September 11, to complete a review of the petition signatures and approve or reject the initiative for inclusion on the November general election ballot.

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